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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
SUEZ WATER DELAWARE INC.
FOR A GENERAL INCREASE IN
RATES AND FOR A REVISION
TO ITS GENERAL TARIFF
(FILED FEBRUARY 5, 2016)

PSC DOCKET NO. 16-0163

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT SESSIONS

TO: ALL WATER CUSTOMERS OF SUEZ WATER DELAWARE INC.:

A Hearing Examiner appointed by the Delaware Public Service Commission (the "Commission") will conduct public comment sessions concerning the above-captioned case (as further explained below) at the following times and locations.

TIME	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
6:00 p.m.	Thursday	Public	University of Delaware
June 30, 2016	Comment	Session	Arshi Hall, Room 117 2600 Pennsylvania Avenue Wilmington, Delaware 19806

On February 5, 2016, SUEZ Water Delaware, Inc. ("SWDE" or the "Company") filed with the Commission an application seeking approval of (1) an increase in its water service rates, and (2) various changes to its water tariff as described in the Application; and

In its application, SWDE seeks an increase in annual operating revenues of \$4,943,665, or an increase of 19.96% over existing rates.

The following is a listing of the proposed increases.

Proposed Increases

RESIDENTIAL

Current Rate Tiers	Current	Proposed Rate Tiers	Proposed
First 2,000 Gallons	\$3.3819	First 2,000 Gallons	\$4.3572
Next 5,000 Gallons	\$4.0880	Next 5,000 Gallons	\$5.2604
Over 7,000 Gallons	\$5.7288	Over 7,000 Gallons	\$8.1591

COMMERCIAL

Current Rate Tiers	Current	Proposed Rate Tiers	Proposed
All Consumption	\$3.3898	All Consumption	\$4.4673

INDUSTRIAL

Current Rate Tiers	Current	Proposed Rate Tiers	Proposed
First 1,400,000 Gallons	\$3.1697	First 1,400,000 Gallons	\$4.1645
Over 1,400,000 Gallons	\$2.3659	Over 1,400,000 Gallons	\$3.1321

PUBLIC AUTHORITY

Current Rate (All Consumption)	Proposed Rate (All Consumption)
\$2.9741	\$4.1102

SALES FOR RESALE

Current Rate (All Consumption)	Proposed Rate (All Consumption)
\$2.9994	\$3.6666

MONTHLY CUSTOMER CHARGES

Meter Size	Current	Proposed
5/8"	\$11.70	\$15.46
3/4"	\$14.05	\$19.27
1"	\$18.59	\$24.99
1-1/4"	\$21.80	\$29.32
1-1/2"	\$27.10	\$37.22
2"	\$40.27	\$53.62
3"	\$102.33	\$110.00
4"	\$137.08	\$147.38
6"	\$219.74	\$236.22
8"	\$315.41	\$354.94
10"	\$410.20	\$498.93

PUBLIC FIRE HYDRANT READY TO SERVE CHARGES

Meter Size	Current	Proposed
5/8"	\$2.21	\$2.38
3/4"	\$3.30	\$3.55
1"	\$5.51	\$5.92
1-1/4"	\$8.28	\$8.90
1-1/2"	\$11.03	\$11.88
2"	\$17.67	\$19.00
3"	\$33.13	\$35.61
4"	\$55.22	\$59.36
6"	\$110.48	\$118.77
8"	\$176.76	\$190.02
10"	\$254.11	\$273.17

PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES

Meter Size	Current	Proposed
1-1/2"	\$6.03	\$6.48
2"	\$25.07	\$28.95
4"	\$40.09	\$43.15
6"	\$100.17	\$107.68
8"	\$108.22	\$193.74
10"	\$280.44	\$301.47
12"	\$400.60	\$430.85
Charge Per Hydrant	Current	Proposed
Hydrant maintained by Company	\$120.25	\$129.27
Hydrant maintained by Customer	\$100.17	\$107.68

On March 22, 2016, in Order No. 8881 the Commission, pursuant to 26 Del. C. §306(a)(1), suspended the effect of the proposed new rates, tariff revisions and other requested relief pending further investigation and evidentiary hearings, which will be held later after further public notice. However, in Order No. 8861 the Commission authorized SWDE to place a portion of its proposed increases into effect subject to refund, pursuant to 26 Del. C. §306(c), sixty (60) days after the initial February 5, 2016 filing date, or on April 5, 2016.

Public comment sessions are for the purpose of receiving statements from SWDE's customers and members of the public concerning the services being provided, the proposed rates, and other matters that are the subject of this rate case. Anyone who plans to attend a public comment session is advised to consult the Commission's website on the day of the respective session for cancellation or changes to the time, place or date of the event. People who wish to comment on the Company's service quality or would like to share their experiences regarding the Company's services, but who are unable to attend one of the public comment sessions, may file written comments with the Commission no later than July 29, 2016. Please file such written comments by visiting the Commission's file management system (called "DelaFile") located at <http://delafile.delaware.gov> and by searching for Docket No. 16-0163. If you are unable to file written comments using DelaFile, you may mail your written comments to Toni Loper, Staff Analyst, Delaware Public Service Commission, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building, Suite 100, Dover, Delaware 19904. Comments may also be sent electronically to Mrs. Loper at psc@state.de.us, Attn: Docket No. 16-0163. Again, all written comments must be filed or received by July 29, 2016.

You may review SWDE's application and supporting documents by going to DelaFile (<http://delafile.delaware.gov>), the Commission's docketing and file management system, and by searching for Docket No. 16-0163. If you would like to review documents at the Commission's offices, please contact Donna Nickerson at (302) 736-7500 or by sending an email addressed to donna.nickerson@state.de.us. You may also review copies of SWDE's application and supporting documents at the office of the Division of the Public Advocate located at 820 North French Street, 4th Floor, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 and at 29 South State Street, Dover, Delaware 19901. Please call either (302) 577-5077 (Wilmington) or (302) 241-2555 (Dover) to arrange for a time to review the documents at either of these locations.

If you wish to request copies of documents in this matter, you may submit a Freedom of Information Act Request Form. The link to this form can be found on the Commission's website, <http://dpsc.delaware.gov>, or by visiting this web address <https://delafile.delaware.gov/Complaints/FOIA.aspx>. The Commission will respond to your request in accordance with the Delaware Freedom of Information Act, 29 Del. C. ch. 100.

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If you have questions about this matter, you may call the Commission at 1-800-282-8574 (toll-free in Delaware) or (302) 736-7500 (voice and text telephone). You may also send questions regarding this matter by Internet e-mail addressed to psc@state.de.us.